

## CURIOUS ROOT OF KANSAS.

It Is Formed Like a Man and Grows Abundantly in the Rich River Bottoms.

One time John J. Ingalls was in this town for campaign purposes, and put in considerable of his time while waiting for the night meeting to begin at the Herald office, says the Gaylord (Kan.) Herald. A short time before this Ben Curtis had left at this office a curious looking root, which competent judges said was a manroot, from its resemblance to the body of a man. The head, neck, body, legs and arms of a man were all sufficiently indicated by the different parts of the root to make the resemblance very striking. Ingalls noticed it standing in the corner and asked what it was. He was told that it was as near as we could find out a manroot. He looked at it a moment in his peculiar way. "Manroot," he drawled. "Can it vote?" and without waiting for a reply continued: "I have talked to whole rooms full of those things. Are there many here?" On being informed that they were extremely rare in these parts he seemed greatly relieved and graciously handed us up a cigar which he had purchased for this special occasion.

This incident was brought to my mind by seeing a specimen of this kind of a root which was dug up near a town by Logan Ryan the other day and put on exhibition at Lloyd's hardware store. It is known to be the root of a wild gourd and grows abundantly along the streams all over western Kansas. They grow to enormous size, some measuring three feet around and six feet high, and invariably showing some resemblance to a man.

### Unreliability of the Ground Hog.

Perhaps it may be due to professional jealousy, but it is a fact nevertheless that the records of the weather bureau in the city of Washington show the ground hog to be utterly unreliable and a rank humbug, so far as predictions of future weather are concerned. Everybody knows, observes the Chicago Tribune, that according to common report the ground hog, who is an exceedingly stupid animal during all the rest of the year, makes it his habit to come out of his hole on the second day of February. If he strikes a nice, sunny day, he is supposed to become frightened at his own shadow and forthwith he scurries back into his hole. Thereupon six weeks of stormy weather, with rain and snow, are expected by all believers in natural science. On the other hand, if on ground hog day the little animal is not frightened by his shadow, because of overhanging clouds, he stays out and the weather kindly accommodates itself to the ground hog and becomes mild, with the result of an early spring. Goose bones, flights of ducks and other things are not susceptible of being reduced to figures, but ground hog day is a fixed event, and it is easy to ascertain just what the weather has been on that day and for the following month. Whatever may be thought of the forecasts of the weather bureau, there are few who will question its accuracy regarding past events in the weather line. Records for the last ten years secured from the weather bureau especially for the Tribune completely disgraced the unfortunate ground hog and show mathematically that in the last ten years his predictions have been verified in only two instances. According to the doctrine of chances any man could out a deck of cards and strike a better average of weather than the ground hog did in the last decade of the nineteenth century. Putting the condition of the weather on February 2 in one column and then comparing it with the precipitation for the month, with the number of clear, partly cloudy, and cloudy days, a deadly parallel is instituted which results in a disastrous manner to the ground hog as a weather prophet.

### Notice to Clean Up.

Notice is hereby given to all owners of property in the city of Goodland, and to all occupants of property within the city limits, that their premises must be cleaned up by April 15; and all refuse manure piles, and filth of every sort must be removed, or the Board of Health will proceed to hire this work done and the cost for the same will be charged up against the premises and duly collected.

W. H. FARROW,  
County Health Officer.

### Spring Opening.

H. A. Bowman returned last week from a business trip east to buy goods for the Bee Hive store. He has purchased a large and excellent assortment of dry goods, boots and shoes, hats and caps and groceries for his store. He has also newly decorated his store building and will have everything in shape for customers by Saturday of this week. Call and examine his stock and prices before buying elsewhere.

The best women's \$2.50 shoe in town is the "U.S."—none better in the United States.—C. M. Millisack.

## STRANDED FAR FROM PORT.

Sailor of the Bennington En Route to New York Detained in Goodland by the Bad Weather.

David T. Evans, a sailor in the United States navy, spent several days in Goodland this week. He is on his way from San Francisco to New York and was delayed here owing to the storm that blocked traffic. Evans is without money and is tramping his way.

Evans was lately furloughed for 60 days from the United States gun boat, Bennington, and ordered to report at naval headquarters in New York. He was formerly firstclass fireman on the Brooklyn, Admiral Schley's flag ship, and was in the battle off Santiago, July 3, 1898. He was transferred from the Brooklyn to the Farragut and then to the Bennington. His home is in Scranton, Pa., and he left that place nine years ago for life on the ocean wave.

### FREE FROM SMALLPOX.

Quarantine Raised From the Fletcher, Dimmitt and Johnson Families Yesterday.

The Fletcher, Dimmitt and Johnson families, living west of town, who have had smallpox in their families since February 14, were released from quarantine yesterday after thorough disinfection.

Twelve persons in all had the disease but it did not spread, owing to the efficient services of Dr. Farrow, county health officer. There were no fatalities.

### American Decorations.

Douglas Story, a Britisher who is visiting America for the first time, says that, despite our constant expressions of contempt for foreign titles, he has found more class distinction here than in Britain and a pride in pedigree which is rapidly becoming a passion. Referring to the recent Vanderbilt-French wedding, he says: "All around me I found an adulation of the happy pair no self respecting Briton, German or Frenchman would yield the noblest of his nation. There was a wider practical gulf between those who pored over the details of the tressouise in the newspapers and the bridal pair than between a Highland cottager and the queen, or an inventory milk-maid and the Duke of Argyll. The law calls all Americans equal, but greenbacks and the exigencies of society have long since set the classes on terraces as definite and as accurately ranged as in the oldest peerage of monarchical Europe. Here in Washington there is a constant battle of precedence, and in the few days I have rested here more than one important engagement has been fought and won. There are more titles here than in a German statthalter's suite. In every button-hole is a button indicative of the wearer's right to be called a Son of the Revolution, an officer of the Legion of Honor, a Knight of Pythias, and heaven knows what besides. Last year, on the South African veldt, I ran across one or two American correspondents whose breasts were barred with ribbons. I looked and marveled, and my astonishment was not lessened when I learned these denoted that the correspondents' ancestors had fought in the Civil War or in the War of the Revolution—my democratic countenances wearing the badge of a hereditary nobility! For what are our patents of nobility but the indication that in the more distant past a Douglas or a Campbell or a Churchill fought valiantly for king and country? Scotsman though I am, I find more careful genealogies preserved here in America than in my native land. To the stranger the American affects to despise these things, but among his own people he yields nothing of the privileges of his position, be it derived from money, from family history, or from accidental prominence. I find my quarter is as efficient to tone down the bluff camaraderie of the servant class here as my shilling was at home. There can be no great lasting power about an equality that yields so readily to the soft persuasion of a coin."

### Death by Smallpox.

W. F. Coles, of Victor, Col., died at Colby of smallpox where he was taken sick with the disease. No other cases have been reported at Colby, although many were exposed as the unfortunate man was a guest of one of the hotels at that place when he was taken ill. Coles had no medical treatment, the Colby doctors refusing to treat the case.

### Cattle Sale.

I will sell at public auction, at Goodland, Kansas, on Saturday, April 6, 1901, beginning at one o'clock p. m., the following stock:

One hundred high grade native cows, all bred to thoroughbred shorthorn bulls. Twenty-five yearling heifers, same breed as the cows.

C. G. PAGE, Owner.

I am now prepared to do piano tuning and repairing, having taken a thorough course in this work at the Krell piano factory in Cincinnati. Orders may be left at THE REPUBLIC office.—A. D. Stewart.

## RAILROAD SPIKES.

Fireman Bill Dryden is on the 907 in Power's place.

Engine 899 was sent through to Fairbury Tuesday.

L. F. Cooper is a new man in the car repairers' department.

Brakeman Charley Striker returned from Topeka Monday.

Division Superintendent F. C. Smith was here several days this week.

Conductor Denney is back on his car after being on passenger two weeks.

Engineer Tapper, of the 593, was laying off this week and Engineer Fuller had his engine.

Fireman Henry Yantis has returned from an extended visit to his former home in Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Powers returned Wednesday morning from a visit in Atchison and Kansas City.

Engineer Jim Boyle and Fireman Bill Dryden from the 907 were sent through to Fairbury Tuesday.

W. H. Stillwell, of Topeka, superintendent of the Rock Island west of the Missouri river, was here Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Shaw returned Friday from Ida Grove, Ia., where they went to attend the funeral of Mrs. Shaw's mother.

Brakeman Frank Gunn is on passenger until freight business becomes a little more brisk when he will resume work on freight.

The Rock Island will do its share to ward beautifying Smith Center by converting a waste plot of ground into a handsome little park.

Some windows in the Depot hotel were broken out by chunks of snow striking them as the snow plow was cleaning the track in the yards.

Conductor Joe Courtney is now conducting a grocery in Kansas City, Kan. He was until recently a passenger conductor between Kansas City and Phillipsburg.

Mrs. F. W. Barlow and daughter, Blanche, arrived here Wednesday to visit a few days with friends. They live at Roswell, Col., now.—Fairbury Journal.

John Coreoran, formerly a section foreman at this place, was here Monday, coming in with the snow plow. He is now foreman of a section at Prairie View.

A number of engines of the Fairbury division helped to relieve the rush on this division after the storm had subsided. They only came west as far as Goodland.

Engineer Barlow ran to the mile board east of the depot Sunday morning with No. 6 before he discovered that he had passed Goodland. The storm was raging so badly that the engineer could not tell where he was at.

The yards were full of cars all day Tuesday. Eight sections of 97 were sent west. The snow blockade prevented the freights from being moved and when the storm cleared away the equipment was taxed in moving the trains.

Number 9—the Colorado flyer—pulled by two engines, Engineer Bidson on the 911 and Engineer Pringle on the 510, was stuck in the snow about a mile and a half west of Brewster, Sunday, in the recent storm. They were stalled for about 36 hours and their experience was anything but pleasant. While the furious blizzard was at its height, Billy Jacobs, of Brewster, at about five o'clock in the evening, made his appearance with well-filled baskets of substantial eatables for both engine crews. The storm-saturated and hungry men highly appreciated this thoughtfulness and offered to make ample payment, but Mr. Jacobs would not accept a cent. Engineer Bidson, in speaking of the matter said: "I could do anything for such people. I have bucked snow in Illinois and other states, but only in Kansas have I found the people thoughtful of railroad men and braving the blizzard to relieve their necessities. The Kansas people may be called cranks, anarchists, jayhawkers, etc., but give me Kansas people every time for bravery, generosity and whole-hearted benevolence. Hurrah for Kansas!" Mr. Bidson is one of the oldest engineers on the Rock Island running out of Goodland, and Engineer Pringle is a good second, and both men and their firemen highly appreciate the kindness shown them by Mr. Jacobs.

### To Althea From Kansas.

Cut glass does not a cocktail make,  
Nor rosewood bars give shine;  
Men bibulous enough will take  
A drink from anything.  
If I have "bitters" every day,  
And "tonics" when I please,  
The law may lightly take away  
All such rain luxuries.

—E. T. B. in Life.

## Gage Down Corsets, are the Best, the Handsomest, the Standard.

Gage Downs straight front corsets in the proper styles.

Gage Downs model front corsets.

Gage Downs short corset.

Gage Downs straight front batist.

Gage Downs regular summer corset.

Gage Downs high grade summer.

Gage Downs fancy colors.

Gage Downs crash corset.

Gage Downs circle hip.

Gage Downs ladies' waist.

Gage Downs misses waist.

Gage Downs nursing corset.

All these and more at C. M. Millisack's, special agent for Goodland.

Those who complain about the advertising bills of their local paper should glance over the following figures from an exchange: "A column, one insertion, in the Youth's Companion, costs \$80. In magazines like the Century, the rates ran from \$100 to \$300 a page. A column in one of the leading New York papers, taken by the year costs from \$16,000 to \$58,000 a year, according to location.

## PERSONAL NOTES.

G. L. Calvert was at Colby Tuesday. Dick Thomas was in Denver this week.

Gay Fike, of Colby, was in Goodland Monday.

Dr. Richards spent a few days in Denver the past week.

A. M. Bower and W. G. Lutz, of St. Francis, were in Goodland Monday.

George Bradley was in Smith county this week with view of buying some cows.

Marion Walker, of Randolph, Ia., is here looking after his real estate interests.

E. H. Gleason, of Wallington, Kan., formerly of this county, was in the city this week.

Sam Vassar went to Kansas City this week where he intends to buy 2,000 head of sheep.

Mrs. A. F. Tapper left Wednesday morning for a visit with relatives in Longmont, Col.

Dr. F. H. Smith, Hoyt Andrews, William Walker, Jr., and Fred Dawson left Monday night for Topeka.

J. B. Penn returned Sunday morning from Plattville, Wis., where he was called by the death of his father.

T. P. Crawford has returned from Mound City, Kan., where he had been to receive medical treatment.

C. M. Headrick, of Omaha, Neb., was in Goodland this week. He is interested with R. D. Ross in the cattle business.

J. B. Riggs left last week for Gordon, Neb. His family, who have been visiting there for several months, will return with him.

Misses Ollie and Aggie Haney have returned from Salina where they have been attending the Wesleyan Business college.

Dr. Rue Thomas returned Monday from a trip to Hoxie. He was a passenger on the snow bound train near Brewster.

Dr. H. P. Gandy returned to Goodland Monday. He has been making his home in Kansas City and will resume the practice of medicine here.

Sam Oakford, formerly of this city but now of Kansas City, has added another song to his composition. It is called, "I'd Like to Call You Mama."

George Hackley, a colored barber of Colorado Springs, was in the city Tuesday looking over the field with view of establishing a barber shop in Goodland. He was employed in a barber shop here a number of years ago.

Rev. G. H. Woodward, pastor of the Methodist church, is sick at his home with kidney trouble. He was to leave Monday for the northwest Kansas conference of the Methodist church, but was taken ill Saturday and has been unable to leave his bed.

Frank Borin, of Stockton, Kan., passed through Goodland Friday on his way to St. Francis. He is deputy head council of the Modern Woodmen of America and was on business connected with the order. He is a brother of Columbus Borin, editor of the Oberlin Eye.

Amos G. Smith lost a \$5 gold piece about two weeks ago on the crosswalk between Millisack's store and the Goodland bank. About one week after it was lost Mrs. Dell Bower found the money while going to church a week ago last Sunday. Last Saturday Mr. Smith was in town and hearing that Mr. Bower had told of his wife's finding a \$5 gold piece called on him. Mr. Bower had not told anyone where it was found, but when Mr. Smith told the precise spot where it was lost, Mr. Bower willingly returned the money.

### For Colorado Tourist.

The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad company has asked its competitors in the Western and Southwestern Passenger associations to agree to a series of cheap excursions to and from Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo for the approaching season on the following basis:

Tickets to be sold from Chicago and all territory up to the Missouri river on June 18 and 25, July 16, 23 and 30, August 6, 13, 20 and 27, at a rate of one fare plus \$2, for the round trip. On July 2 and 9, September 3 and 10, a rate of \$25 is to be made from Chicago and \$15 from Missouri river points for the round trip, intermediate territory to carry proportionate rates and tickets to be sold from Missouri river points one day later than the dates given above. Proportionate rates will be made to and from Glenwood Springs, Salt Lake and Ogden.

A series of eastbound excursions is also proposed, tickets to be sold from Colorado common points every Thursday commencing with June 20, up to and including September 12, at a rate of one fare plus \$2, for the round trip. All tickets to be limited for return passage to October 31.

These rates will be tendered connecting lines for basing purposes, which will probably insure a very low basis of rates throughout the United States for these excursions. The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific will make these rates and arrangements effective, regardless of the action of its competitors and will run special trains on the dates named.

Wanted to buy a three-room house.—Thomas P. Leonard.

Four living rooms to rent in Sharp building. Inquire of Dr. Thomas.

Women's stylish, serviceable dress shoes at \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50.—Millisack.

The entertainment which was to have been given Wednesday evening at the Methodist church was postponed, on account of the stormy weather, and will be given Wednesday night, April 3.

## THE BIG SNOW STORMS

### March Closes With An Unusually Heavy Fall of Wet Snow.

Trains Stuck in the Snow for Thirty-Six Hours—Stock Losses Reported—A Later Fall of Snow Makes Crop Prospect Good.

Sherman county is sweating under a wet blanket which means crops and crops, means money in the farmers' pockets. Two big storms, with an average snowfall greater than has visited this section of country in many years, occurred within the present week.

Last Saturday morning a light mist began falling which later in the day turned to wet snow and continued until nightfall. As the evening advanced the weather grew colder and the wind, which had been in the north, veered to the northwest and all Saturday night the storm continued. By Sunday morning it had assumed the proportions of a blizzard which raged all day Sunday and did not let up until Monday morning.

The amount of snow which fell is hard to estimate as the velocity of the wind piled it into large drifts in some places ten feet deep, and filled stubble fields with a foot and a half of snow. The plain places on the open prairie were swept nearly clean and hollows and railroad cuts were filled.

The storm prevented the running of trains for nearly 36 hours. The first train to get stuck was No. 9—the Colorado Flyer—due in Goodland at 5:25 in the morning. The train was pulled by two engines and the rail was unobstructed until a mile and a half west of Brewster. This train was stuck at this point from Sunday morning until Monday at noon. Snow plows were out, but Sunday night even a systematic attempt at track clearing had to be temporarily abandoned.

No. 10, eastbound passenger, layed in Goodland from Sunday night until Monday afternoon, when the line was cleared as far as Colby. No. 6, also eastbound, went east over Union Pacific rails from Lamont. The rotary snow plow broke down while bucking snow near Brewster Monday and was brought back to Goodland for repairs. It was sent out again early in the evening and cleared the road east of Colby and by Tuesday all the passenger trains were moving on time.

The storm was worse in Cheyenne county than here and serious stock losses are reported, both in Cheyenne and Sherman counties. Tuesday was a clear warm day and the snow melted fast, but in the evening a heavy bank of clouds loomed up in the west. Tuesday night more snow fell, but it came down gently, the wind being from the east. The storm continued all day Wednesday, but the snow did not drift and nearly a foot of damp snow covered the ground. Wednesday evening the storm ceased and absence of wind left the snow where it fell.

Thursday the weather was still and the sky cloudy until about noon when it began to clear off. In the previous storm the snow was left in drifts, but the later fall of wet snow makes the prospect for early pasture and spring grain very promising. The business men of Goodland and the farmers of the county are hopeful for a good season.

### Cattle Lost in the Storm.

A good many cattle were lost in the storm of Sunday. A St. Francis livestock man, who came over to Goodland Monday, reports that Roy Danielson lost 20 head and Mr. Tapp six head, in Cheyenne county, and probably there were other losses not reported. A cattleman near Selden, Sheridan county, out of 125 head lost 110 head. Mr. Mathers, southwest of Goodland and near the Wallace county and Colorado line, lost some 25 head.

On the old Sam Johnson ranch 15 head belonging to William Walker, Jr., perished. He had 120 head wintering there. When all losses are reported the aggregate will probably be heavy.

### Meat Market Sold.

J. B. Penn has sold his meat market to George Hoops who will continue the business at the old stand. The transfer took place on the 25th instant. Mr. Penn has been in the market business about ten years in Goodland and is a successful business man. Mr. Hoops has had several years' experience in the butcher business and doubtless will secure the continued patronage of this established and well equipped market.

Seaman Sisters will have their millinery opening Thursday, March 28.

### Don't Complain.

Don't complain  
About the weather:  
For easier 'tis, you'll find,  
To make your mind to weather  
Than weather to your mind.

Don't complain  
About "the sermon,"  
And show your lack of wit,  
For, like a boot, a sermon hurts  
The closer it both fit.

Don't complain  
About your neighbor;  
For in your neighbor's view  
His neighbor is not faultless—  
That neighbor being you.

## TOLD IN A LINE.

The "Buffalo" is the latest order to reach Goodland.

If the weather man can think up any more kinds of weather he will probably treat us to them before March is over.

According to the census completed in Kansas 45 years ago this month the territory had a population of 4501, of whom 2,905 were voters.

The Beloit jointist posted the following notice on his door: "The partnership which has been in existence between the state of Kansas and myself has been dissolved. All parties owing the firm will please settle with me; all parties that the firm owes will settle with the state."

Grover Cleveland is now for the second time the only living ex-president. Once before he enjoyed this distinction, none of his predecessors being alive after the death of Rutherford B. Hayes January 17, 1893. Within seven weeks, however, Mr. Harrison's name was added to the list.

The word recently came into frequent use in Kansas is "buffaloed." It has a delicate shade of meaning. A man who is scared is merely awakened into the activities of defense; a man who is buffaloed is one who is so badly scared that he believes defense impossible, but a man who is buffaloed is not only believes defense impossible, but can't work up enough locomotion to run.

Andrew Jefferson, aged 17, and Emma May, aged 15, were married at Dayton, O., several months ago. The young gentleman is a messenger earning the princely salary of three dollars per week. The boy and girl couple soon quarreled, and now they have been divorced, the court ordering Master Jefferson to pay \$1.50 per week alimony. The youngster is understood to believe that Roosevelt does not really know what the strenuous life is.

The full dinner-pail has long been a party slogan. What fills the pail is of vastly more importance. "What you want to do," said Mark Hopkins in a sermon, "is to elevate our food." A well known worker among the poor recently declared that if he had to eat the luncheons that go into most dinner-pails, he, like many workmen, would run to the nearest saloon. Much of the intemperance and insanity that prevails among rich and poor alike can be traced to improper food.

A Goodland man dreamed that he died and of course went to heaven and knocked at the golden gate and was promptly admitted. After spending several hours taking in the sights of the city he suddenly came upon a man in chains. This greatly surprised him so he inquired of St. Peter if they had to punish men in heaven. "Oh," said the good saint, "that man is just from Kansas; we always have to chain Kansas to keep them from going back."

To smoke a cigarette is made a misdemeanor by a bill that has passed both houses of the Minnesota legislature and is expected to be signed by the governor. The penalty is fixed at a fine of not less than \$50. In this respect the measure goes a step farther than any other state has gone in anti-cigarette legislation. Litigation is sure to follow an attempt to enforce the law, and attorneys express the opinion that it will be held unconstitutional as legislation against personal liberty and taste.

### Reed-Farrow.

The marriage of Miss Dora Farrow, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Farrow, and Mr. John R. Reed took place last Thursday evening at Edison. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. C. Smith at his home. The young people are both wellknown. Mr. Reed is county superintendent of public instruction, having been elected to that office at the last election. Miss Farrow has also been employed in educational work, having taught school in Goodland and in the county.

### The Importance of the Press.

Well did Jefferson say: "I would rather live in a country with newspapers and without a government than in a country with a government but without newspapers," and Bonaparte: "Four hostile newspapers are more to be dreaded than a hundred thousand bayonets."

We wonder how many of our readers ever stopped to think what they would do if all the newspapers should suddenly cease to appear.

We will suppose that all the electric lights should be destroyed. There would be other lamps of every description to take their place. If the steamships and railroads were abolished we could still get on with the sailing ship and stage coach. In place of the telegraph and telephone we could depend on the mail. If the steam power should cease to exist, we could employ the earlier, simpler motor forces. But suppose the newspaper swept out of existence, what could take its place? It does not seem too extravagant to say that its absence would be felt more than that of any other device of modern ingenuity. But how is it appreciated? How many of you readers know what thought and study, money and labor it costs to print a newspaper? It may seem an easy thing to sit down and write up a few columns, but we wish to state right here that when you get down to work and keep it up you will find it no easy task. Yet an editor is sneered at, laughed at, criticized and cursed more than any man on earth, but if the newspapers should club together and cease to come out would there not be a sore lot of people in this world?